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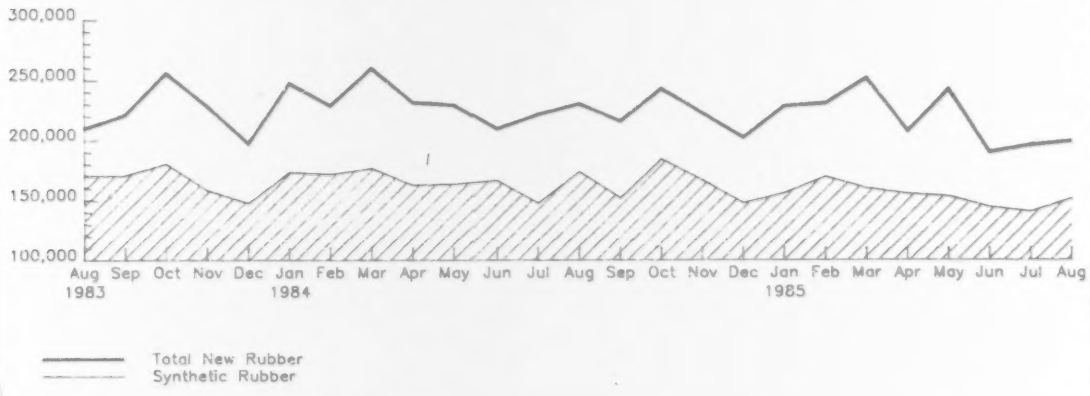
MONTHLY RUBBER CONSUMPTION REPORT

August 1985

This report was compiled by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) and presents a monthly analysis of production, imports, exports, stocks, and apparent consumption of both natural and synthetic rubber. The procedures used by Management Information Services (MIS) of RMA to compile the data are reviewed annually by the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee which is made up of rubber industry representatives. The categories were selected to conform with the Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) codes assigned by the the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and are so annotated.

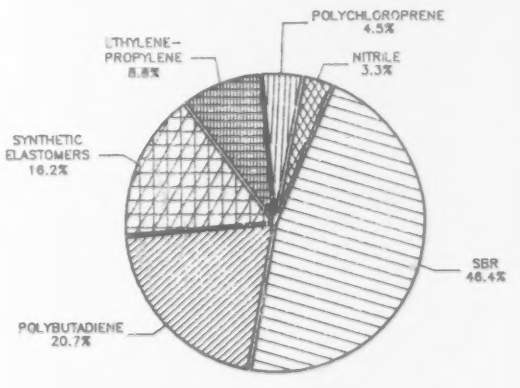
Total consumption for August 1985 is down -13.8% from August 1984, and synthetic consumption is down -13.2%. 72.6% of all rubber consumed in 1984 was synthetic, of which almost half was SBR, as shown in the charts below.

MONTHLY TOTAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION — NATURAL & SYNTHETIC

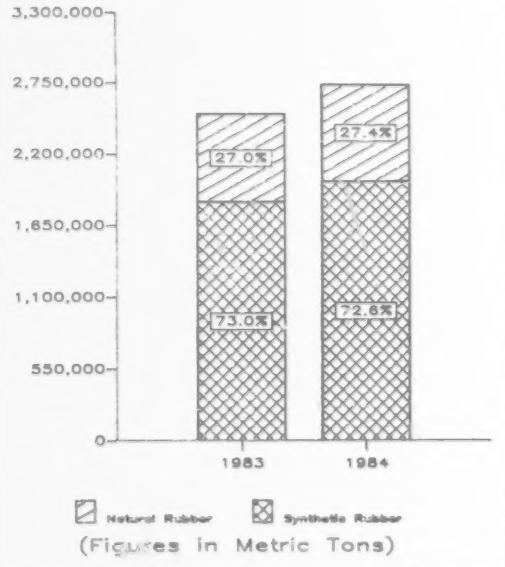


NOTE: NATURAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION IS THE VERTICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CURVES
(Figures in Metric Tons)

1984 SYNTHETIC CONSUMPTION BY TYPE



CONSUMPTION OF NEW RUBBER
1983 — 1984



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RMA INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT
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U.S. SIC CODE		August 1985	August 1984	% CHANGE YEARLY	July 1985	% CHANGE MONTHLY	CUMULATIVE 1985	CUMULATIVE 1984	% CHANGE 85 vs 84
	TOTAL NEW RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	393,722	396,292	-.65	381,979	3.07			
	New Rubber Available	219,890	254,764	-13.69	233,964	-6.02	2,004,811	2,137,971	-6.23
	Imports	70,774	76,338	-7.29	83,605	-15.35	729,081	701,466	3.94
	Exports	29,130	35,766	-18.55	27,083 R	7.56	244,460	257,730	-5.15
	Apparent Consumption	198,285	229,902	-13.75	195,137 R	1.61	1,744,581	1,854,219	-5.91
	Ending Stocks	386,197	385,388	.21	393,722	-1.91			
	TOTAL NATURAL RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	97,927	87,033	12.52	95,627	2.41			
08490 11	Imports	46,024	57,137	-19.45	60,934	-24.47	541,898	540,566	.25
+	Exports	2,717	3,361	-19.16	3,275	-17.04	26,424	19,351	36.55
08490 13	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption *	47,303	56,057	-15.62	55,358	-14.55	517,858	519,280	-.27
	% Total New Rubber	23.85	24.38		28.36		29.68	28.00	
	Ending Stocks	93,931	84,752	10.83	97,928	-4.08			
08490 11	NATURAL RUBBER DRY								
	Beginning Stocks	90,795	81,118	11.93	90,169	.69			
	Imports	42,655	54,054	-21.09	54,404	-21.60	501,821	497,341	.90
	Exports	1,520	2,570	-40.86	2,943	-48.35	21,318	13,416	58.90
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	43,397	54,669	-20.62	50,835	-14.63	479,507	481,932	-.50
	Ending Stocks	88,533	77,933	13.60	90,795	-2.49			
08490 13	NATURAL RUBBER LATEX								
	Beginning Stocks	7,133	5,915	20.59	5,459	30.66			
	Imports	3,369	3,083	9.28	6,530	-48.41	40,077	43,225	-7.28
	Exports	1,197	791	51.33	332	260.54	5,106	5,935	-13.97
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	3,907	1,389	181.28	4,524	-13.64	38,351	37,348	2.69
	Ending Stocks	5,398	6,818	-20.83	7,133	-24.32			
	TOTAL SYNTHETIC RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	295,794	309,259	-4.35	286,351	3.30			
	Production	149,116	178,426	-16.43	150,359	-.83	1,275,730	1,436,505	-11.19
	Imports	24,750	19,201	28.90	22,671	9.17	187,183	160,900	16.33
	Exports	26,413	32,405	-18.49	23,808 R	10.94	218,036	238,379	-8.53
	Apparent Consumption	150,981	173,845	-13.15	139,779 R	8.01	1,226,723	1,334,938	-8.11
	% Total New Rubber	76.14	75.61		71.63		70.31	71.99	
	Ending Stocks	292,266	300,636	-2.78	295,794	-1.19			
	TOTAL SBR								
	Beginning Stocks	115,125	136,405	-15.60	118,240	-2.63			
28220 11 +	Production	62,729	78,299	-19.89	57,991	8.17	547,356	650,785	-15.89
28220 12	Imports	8,416	5,293	59.00	9,804	-14.16	64,995	48,837	33.09
	Exports	7,243	9,005	-19.57	5,293	36.84	54,917	72,956	-24.73
	Apparent Consumption	68,749	83,564	-17.73	65,617	4.77	567,749	614,804	-7.65
	Ending Stocks	110,278	127,428	-13.46	115,125	-4.21			
28220 11	SBR Dry								
	Beginning Stocks	106,622	127,710	-16.51	109,117	-2.29			
	Production	50,636	65,501	-22.69	50,489	.29	469,189	580,513	-19.18
	Imports	5,840	2,923	99.79	8,270	-29.38	49,531	32,567	52.09
	Exports	5,117	6,813	-24.89	3,365	52.07	39,150	54,287	-27.88
	Apparent Consumption	58,631	71,070	-17.50	57,889	1.28	491,629	548,000	-10.29
	Ending Stocks	99,350	118,251	-15.98	106,622	-6.82			
28220 12	SBR Latex								
	Beginning Stocks	8,503	8,695	-2.21	9,122	-6.79			
	Production	12,093	12,799	-5.52	7,501	61.22	78,167	70,272	11.23
	Imports	2,576	2,370	8.69	1,534	67.93	15,464	16,270	-4.95
	Exports	2,126	2,192	-3.01	1,928	10.27	15,767	18,669	-15.54
	Apparent Consumption	10,118	12,495	-19.02	7,726	30.96	76,120	66,804	13.95
	Ending Stocks	10,928	9,177	19.08	8,503	28.52			

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	TOTAL NITRILE								
	Beginning Stocks	16,747	10,968	52.69	16,044	4.38			
28220 41 +	Production	4,792	5,039	-4.90	4,814	-.46	39,662	43,692	-9.22
28220 42	Imports	1,038	1,019	1.86	548	89.42	8,096	7,935	2.03
	Exports	501	577	-13.17	517	-3.09	4,447	5,346	-16.82
	Apparent Consumption	5,277	4,980	5.96	4,142	27.40	41,421	44,397	-6.70
	Ending Stocks	16,799	11,469	46.47	16,747	.31			
28220 50	POLYBUTADIENE								
	Beginning Stocks	38,529	42,632	-9.62	32,947	16.94			
	Production	23,568	30,283	-22.17	30,079	-21.65	233,255	247,460	-5.74
	Imports	6,805	4,957	37.28	5,182	31.32	48,314	44,659	8.18
	Exports	2,118	2,064	2.62	1,924	10.08	16,416	15,699	4.57
	Apparent Consumption	30,447	34,374	-11.42	27,755	9.70	256,203	274,140	-6.54
	Ending Stocks	36,337	41,434	-12.30	38,529	-5.69			
28220 57	ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE								
	Beginning Stocks	49,152	45,038	9.13	52,176	-5.80			
	Production	17,728	18,022	-1.63	13,191	34.39	151,876	149,446	1.63
	Imports	65	50	30.00	57	14.04	625	700	-10.71
	Exports	3,540	3,172	11.60	3,628	-2.43	24,343	24,077	1.10
	Apparent Consumption	14,031	14,359	-2.28	12,644	10.97	122,546	117,030	4.71
	Ending Stocks	49,374	45,579	8.33	49,152	.45			
	BUTYL, POLYCHLOROPRENE, POLYISOPRENE, SILICONE, AND OTHER SYNTHETIC ELASTOMERS								
28220 45 +	Beginning Stocks	76,241	74,216	2.73	66,944	13.89			
28220 60 +	Production	40,298	46,782	-13.86	44,285	-9.00	303,581	345,121	-12.04
28220 72	Imports	8,426	7,882	6.90	7,080	19.01	65,153	58,769	10.86
	Exports	13,011	17,587	-26.02	12,446 R	4.54	117,913	120,301	-1.99
	Apparent Consumption	32,476	36,567	-11.19	29,622 R	9.63	238,802	284,564	-16.08
	Ending Stocks	79,478	74,726	6.36	76,241	4.25			
Included in 28220 45	Butyl								
	Imports	5,550	5,350	3.74	4,286	29.49	39,892	34,725	14.88
	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Included in 28220 45	Polyisoprene								
	Imports	748	518	44.40	590	26.78	6,330	5,957	6.26
	Exports	244	247	-1.21	199	22.61	1,842	4,291	-57.07
Included in 28220 45	Polychloroprene								
	Imports	241	294	-18.03	401	-39.90	1,807	3,001	-39.79
	Exports	2,683	2,986	-10.15	2,767	-3.04	29,516	27,008	9.29

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